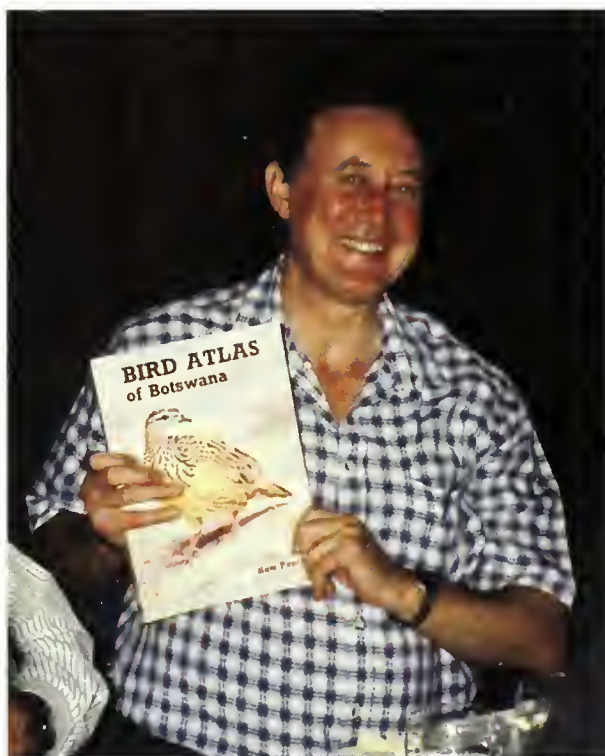


Edward Huw Penry: 1943–2011

Huw Penry, who died of cancer on 23 April 2011, made his mark in Afrotropical ornithology with the publication of his meticulous *Bird Atlas of Botswana*, published in 1994 by the University of Natal Press, Pietermaritzburg.

Huw was born 19 July 1943 in Wales, and following prep school he continued his education at Harrow School, where he became Deputy Head of school, captain of rugby and a music scholar. Like most true Welshmen, rugby and music remained important throughout his life, with the addition in time of ornithology. After medical school and a period in British hospitals, he decided not to follow his father into general practice, but instead migrated to Zambia in 1971. He spent nine years on the Copperbelt, rising to become chief medical officer at one of the principal copper mines, while simultaneously finding time for much birding field work. He travelled throughout the country and contributed substantially to data collection for what was to become the *Zambian Atlas* (Dowsett *et al.* 2008, *The Birds of Zambia: An Atlas and Handbook*). The articles that appeared over his name in the *Bulletin of the Zambian Ornithological Society* testify to his interest in migration in particular, of intra-African as well as Palearctic taxa.

In 1980 he moved to Botswana to run the health service of a newly established diamond mine at Jwaneng, and his commitment to the ornithology of that country began. After two years he was transferred to the Rand in South Africa, from where he found time to continue exploring Botswana and encourage others to do the same. The result was his *Bird Atlas of Botswana*, which brought up to date Reay Smithers' 1964 *A Check*



List of the Birds of the Bechuanaland Protectorate and the Caprivi Strip. The maps, a model of clarity, were supported by an authoritative text.

Huw retired from the mining industry in 2000, by which time he was a medical director of AngloGold's health service. He returned to Britain in 2003, but retained a pied-à-terre in South Africa until his death. Huw was an enthusiastic and careful observer in the field who expected others to maintain the same standards. Our sympathy goes to Huw's wife Susan and their two daughters.

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